

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION AND PURIFICATION OF THIOL-  
CONTAINING MAYTANSINOIDS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the  
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